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Education:

Ph.D. Student, Ancient History, University of California, Santa Barbara.

MA, The History of Ancient Iran, University of Tehran, Iran – 2023.

BA, History, University of Tehran, Iran – 2020.

Selected Publications [Peer-reviewed]:

- “The Benefits of Ethnically-Labeled Workers in the Achaemenid Heartland: Evidence from the Persepolis Archive,” *Interpreting Afghanistan*, Mark Gradioni and Ileana De Giueppe (eds.), Brill, 2026 (Accepted).
- “Traveling Women in the Achaemenid Period according to Persepolis Tablets,” *Mardomnāmeḥ*, Vol. 21, 87-128, 2023.
- “The Dilemma of Daivadāna, The Comparative Study of XPh with Historical Narratives and Archaeological Discoveries,” *The International Conference on the Latest Studies of Ancient Iran, University of Shahid Chamrān, Ahvāz, Ordibehesht 1401š/ May 2022*, (Accepted for publication).
- “Women in the Shadow and Women on the Scene: Achaemenid Women Exercising Political Power,” *Research in History*, vol. 31, 1-26, 2022.
- “The Portrayal of Alexander the Macedonian in the Iranian National History, The Case of His Iranian Lineage,” *Āfāgh-e Olum-e Ensani*, Vol. 50, pp. 1-18, 2021.

Conference Papers and Presentations:

- “Replacing Orientalist Narratives with Internal Sources: Achaemenid Studies and Iranian Scholarship in the Qajar Period (1796-1925),” The 60th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), (November 21-24).
- “The Unforgotten Empire: The Perception of Achaemenid Kings in Islamic-era Sources (7th-15th centuries),” New Horizon in Premodern Iranian Studies II, University of California, Irvine (May 30, 2026).
- “Islamic Scholars and the Use of Greco-Roman Sources for Achaemenid History,” MEMSA’s 6th Annual Conference: Translations: People, Texts & Objects in Motion Across the Early Global World, University of California, Los Angeles (May 2, 2026).
- “Interest in Achaemenid History in the Qajar period: The Case of the Leaked Archive of the Golestan Palace,” Graduate Student Symposium on Iran and the Persianate World, The Iranian Studies Initiative, University of California, Santa Barbara (April 24, 2026).
- “Zoroastrianism in Achaemenid Bactria: A Case of Deities, Death, and Funerary Practices”, Graduate Student Symposium, Department of History, University of California, Santa Barbara (May 30, 2025).
- “The Benefits and Entitlements of Ethnically-Labeled Workers in the Achaemenid Heartland: Evidence from the Persepolis Archive”, New Horizons in Premodern Iranian Studies, University of California, Irvine (May 4, 2024).

Teaching Experience:

Associate Instructor:

Hist. 111F (Achaemenid Persia), Summer Session A 2026, Department of History, UCSB.

Guest Lecturer:

Hist. 111F (Achaemenid Persia), November 2025, Department of History, UCSB.

Hist. 111F (Achaemenid Persia), October 2025, Department of History, UCSB.

Teaching Assistant:

Hist. 4A (Ancient Mediterranean History), Fall 2026, Department of History, UCSB.

Hist. 4A (Ancient Mediterranean History), Fall 2024, Department of History, UCSB.

Hist. 56 (Intro Mexican History), Summer Session B 2026, Department of History, UCSB.

Hist. 56 (Intro Mexican History), Summer Session B 2025, Department of History, UCSB.

Hist. 56 (Intro Mexican History), Winter 2025, Department of History, UCSB.

Hist. 121A (Renaissance Italy), Summer Session B, 2025, Department of History, UCSB.

Hist. 2C (World History Since 1700), Spring 2025, Department of History, UCSB.

Volunteer Teacher:

Summer 2019: Qezler Qal'e-ye Bālā Country School, Khorasan-e Shomali, Iran.

Summer 2019: Yomugh Country School, Khorasan-e Shomali, Iran.

Job and Volunteer Experience:**Manager:**

2024-Present: Website Manager, Iranian Studies Initiative, UCSB.

2022-2023: Public Relations Manager, Mardomnāmeḥ Institute, University of Tehran, Iran.

2022: Social Media Manager, Mardomnāmeḥ Institute, University of Tehran, Iran.

Conference Coordinator:

2025-2026: Assistant coordinator for Professor Janet Afary, Graduate Student Symposium on Iran and the Persianate World, The Iranian Studies Initiative, UCSB (April 24, 2026).

2022: Assistant coordinator, Mardomnāmeḥ Institute and the Center for Inter-Asian Research of Ahmedabad University Lecture Series.

2021-2022: Member of the Content Production Committee, The Economic History of Iran in the Seljuk Period Conference, University of Tehran (March 1-3, 2022).

Researcher:

Spring 2026: RA for Professor John W. I. Lee, Department of History, UCSB.

Winter 2026: RA for Professor John W. I. Lee, Department of History, UCSB.

Fall 2025: RA for Professor John W. I. Lee, Department of History, UCSB.

Spring 2025: RA for Professor John W. I. Lee, Department of History, UCSB.

Winter 2025: RA for Professor John W. I. Lee, Department of History, UCSB.

Spring 2024: RA for Professor John W. I. Lee, Department of History, UCSB.

Winter 2023: RA for Professor John W. I. Lee, Department of History, UCSB.

2021: RA for Professor Kolsoum Ghazanfari, Department of History, University of Tehran.

2019-2022: Researcher at Bāmdād-e Omid-e Sabā Publisher and Library, Tehran.

Editor and Translator:

2023-2025: Editor of the Translation Committee, *Research in History Journal*, Department of History, University of Tehran.

2021-2024: Member of the Translation Committee, Nimruz Institute, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran.

2021-2024: Member of the Translation Committee, Magna Carta Project, University of Tehran.

2022-2023: Member of the Translation Committee, Āvāšteḥ Publisher.

Host:

2022: Member of the Information Committee, Tehran's International Book Fair, May 11- 21.

2021-2023: Volunteer Host, Online Lecture on History, Nimruz Institute, Allameh Tabataba'i University.

2021-2023: Volunteer Host, Online Lecture on History, Rashn Institute, University of Tehran.

Selected Fellowships and Awards:

Chancellor's Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara (2023-2028)

Mahsa Amini Fellowship (Summer 2026)

Graduate Financial Aid Committee Conference Attendance Award (2026)

Esmé Frost Fellowship (2025)

William H. Ellison Prize for the Best Graduate Seminar Paper in History (2025)

Antony and Isabelle Raubitschek Scholarship (Summer 2025)

Harold A. and Kathleen Drake Fund in History (2025)

Harold A. and Kathleen Drake Fund in History (2024)

Iran's National Elites Foundation Scholarship (2016-2020)

Supporters of The University of Tehran Foundation Scholarship (2019-2020)

Supporters of The University of Tehran Foundation Scholarship (2018-2019)

Supporters of The University of Tehran Foundation Scholarship (2017-2018)